

## CTL RT Epitopes

Location	Epitope Comments	Antigen	Species(HLA)	Reference
RT(160-184 HXB2)	IETVPVKLPGMDGPKVKQWPLTEE One of five epitopes defined for RT specific CTL clones	HIV-1 infection	human(B8)	[Walker (1989)]
RT(185-193 LAI)	GPKVKQWPL		human(B8)	[Sutton (1993)]
RT(205-219 BRU)	Predicted epitope based on B8 binding motifs, from larger peptide IETVPVKLPGMDGPKVKQWPLTEE CTEMEKEGKISKIGP	recRT injection	murine(H2 <sup>k</sup> )	[De Groot (1991)]
RT(205-219)	Murine and human helper and CTL epitope CTEMEKEGKISKIGP	HIV-1 infection	human(broad)	[Hosmalin (1990)]
RT(308-320)	Murine and human helper and CTL epitope WKGSPAIFQSSMT		human(B7)	[Brander & Walker(1995)]
RT(325-349 PV22)	Unpublished, B. Wilkens AIFQSSMTKILEPFRKQNPDIVIYQ HIV-1 specific CTLs release $\gamma$ -IFN, and $\alpha$ - and $\beta$ -TNF	HIV-1 infection	human(A11)	[Jassoy (1993)]
RT(325-349)	AIFQSSMTKILEPFRKQNPDIVIYQ Study of cytokines released by HIV-1 specific activated CTL	HIV-1 infection	human(A11)	[Price (1995)]
RT(325-333)	AIFQSSMTK Unpublished, B. Wilkens		human(A3.1)	[Brander & Walker(1995)]
RT(325-333 LAI)	AIFQSSMTK Exploration of A11 binding motif; this peptide is mislabeled as a gag peptide in Zhang et al.	human(A11)	Zhang (1993) Zhang et al.	
RT(325-333 LAI)	AIFQSSMTK Review of HIV CTL epitopes; defined as minimal peptide by titration curve	human(A11)	[McMichael & Walker(1994)]	
RT(325-333 LAI)	AIFQSSMTK Defined as minimal peptide by titration curve, S. Rowland-Jones, per. comm.	human(A33)	[K. Ariyoshi, unpublished]	
RT(342-366 LAI)	NPDIVIYQYMDDLYVGSDLEIGQHR One of five epitopes defined for RT specific CTL clones	HIV-1 infection	human(A11)	[Walker (1989)]
RT(342-350 LAI)	HPDIVIYQY Review of HIV CTL epitopes; defined as minimal peptide by titration curve	human(B35)	[McMichael & Walker(1994)]	

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RT(329-337)	HPDIVIYQQY NPDIVIYQQY preferred sequence for some CTL clones, HIV-2 NPDVILIQY is also recognized	HIV infection	human(B35)	[Rowland-Jones (1995)]
RT(346-354 LAI)	VIYQYMDDL Unpublished, T. Harrer; defined as minimal peptide by titration curve [McMichael & Walker(1994)]		human(A2)	[Brander & Walker(1995)]
RT(359-383 HXB2)	DLEIGQHRTKIEELRQHLLRWGLTT One of five epitopes defined for RT specific CTL clones	HIV-1 infection	human(Bw60)	[Walker (1989)]
RT(461-485 HXB2)	PLTEEAELELAENREILKEPVHGVY One of five epitopes defined for RT specific CTL clones	HIV-1 infection	human(A2)	[Walker (1989)]
RT(476-484)	ILKEPVHGV CTL clones recognize naturally processed peptide; peptide abundance corresponded to level of CTL killing	HIV-1 infection	human(A2)	[Tsomides (1994)]
RT(476-485 LAI)	ILKEPVHGVY Review of HIV CTL epitopes; defined as minimal peptide by titration curve		human(Bw62)	[McMichael & Walker(1994)]
RT(476-484 LAI)	ILKEPVHGV Precise identification of the nonamer that binds to A2	HIV-1 infection	human(A2)	[Tsomides (1991)]
RT(476-484 LAI)	ILKEPVHGV Promotes assembly of HLA-A2 molecules in T2 cell lysates		human(A2)	[Connan (1994)]
RT(510-518)	ILKEPVHGV Studied in the context of HLA A2 peptide binding		human(A2)	[Parker (1992)]
RT(495-515 LAI)	EIQKQGQQWTYQIYQEPFKNLKTG One of five epitopes defined for RT specific CTL clones	HIV-1 infection	human(A11)	[Walker (1989)]
RT(507-519 LAI)	QIYQEPFKNLKTG This epitope was listed in a review		human(A11)	[Johnson & Walker(1994)]
RT(507-516)	QIYQEPFKNLK Study of cytokines released by HIV-1 specific activated CTL	HIV-1 infection	human(?)	[Price (1995)]

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RT(648-672 PV22)	AIYLALQDSGLEVNIVTDSQYALGI A CTL response used to study gene usage in HLA B14 response	HIV-1 infection	human(B14)	[Kalams (1994)]
RT(648-672)	AIYLALQDSGLEVNIVTDSQYALGI Study of cytokines released by HIV-1 specific activated CTL	HIV-1 infection	human(?)	[Price (1995)]
RT(648-672)	ALQDSGLEVVTDSQYALGI Unpublished, S. Kalams		human(B14)	[Brander & Walker(1995)]
RT(640-648 HXB2R)	ALQDSGLEV Epitope studied in the context of inclusion in a synthetic vaccine		human(A2)	[Brander (1995)]
RT(663-672 LAI)	VTDSQYALGI Unpublished, P. Johnson; defined as minimal peptide by titration curve		human(B14)	[Brander & Walker(1995)]
RT(956-964 HXB2R)	LLWKGEGAV Studied in the context of HLA A2 peptide binding		human(A2)	[McMichael & Walker(1994)]
RT(956-964 HXB2R)	LLWKGEGAV Epitope studied in the context of inclusion in a synthetic vaccine		human(A2)	[Parker (1992), Parker (1994)]
				[Brander (1995)]

## RT CTL-EPITOPES

1	FFREDLVFPKGKAREFSSEQTRTNSPTRRELQVQGRDNNSLSEAGANRQG	50
51	AVSFNFPQITLWQRPLVTIKIEGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEDMNLPWKWP	100
101	KMIGGIGGFIKVROYDQVPIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIG	150
	HLA-B8	
151	CTLNFPISF <b>IETVPPV</b> KLKP <span style="color: red;">GM</span> DGP <span style="color: red;">K</span> V <b>QWPLTEEK</b> IKALVEIC <b>TEN</b> EKE <span style="color: red;">G</span>	200
	HLA-B8	2 HLA-broad HLA-murine H2K
201	<b>KISKIGPENPYNTPVFAIKKDSTKWRKLVDRELNKRTQDFWEVQLGIP</b>	250
251	HPSGLKKKS <span style="color: red;">VT</span> LDVGDAYF <span style="color: red;">SVPLDED</span> FRKYTAFTIPSINNETPGIRYQ	300
	4 HLA-A33, HLA-A11, HLA-A3.1    5 HLA-B35    6 HLA-A2    7 HLA-A11	
301	YNVLPOGV <b>KGSPAIFQS</b> SMITKILEPFRKQNP <span style="color: red;">DIVIYQYHDDLYVGSDLEI</span>	350
	8 HLA-Bw60	
351	<b>GQHRTKIEELRQHLLRWGFTTPDKKHQKDPPFLWMGYELHPDKWTVQP<span style="color: red;">IK</span></b>	400
401	LPEKESWTYND <span style="color: red;">IQKLVG</span> KLNWASQIYAGIKVKQLCKLLRGTKALTEIIPI <span style="color: red;">T</span>	450
	6 HLA-B62    7 HLA-A2    8 HLA-A11	
451	<b>TEEAELAEMREILKEPVHGYYDPSKDLIAELOQOGOGQTYQIYQEP</b>	500
501	<b>FKNLKTGKYARVRAHTNDVKQLTEAVQKITTESIVIWGKTPFKLPIQK</b>	550
551	ETWETWWTEYWQATWIPEWEFVNTPPLVKLWYQLEKEPIVGAETFYVDGA	600
	10 HLA-A2    11 HLA-B14    12 HLA-B14	
601	ANKETKLGAGYVTNRGRQRVVS <span style="color: red;">LTD</span> TTNQKTELQ <b>AHLALQDSGLEVN</b> I	650
	13 HLA-B14    14 HLA-B14	
651	<b>VIDSQYALGI</b> IQAQPDQSESELVSQII <span style="color: red;">IEQLIKKEKVYLAWVPAHK</span> GIGGN	700
701	EQVDKLVSSGIRKVLFLDGIDKAQEEHEKYHSNWRAMASDFNLPPVVAKE	750
751	IVASCDKCQLKG <span style="color: red;">EAMHGQVDCSPGIWQLDC</span> THLEGKII <span style="color: red;">LVAHV</span> ASGYIE	800
801	AEVIPAETGQETAYFILKLAGRWPVKTI <span style="color: red;">HTDNGSNFT</span> TTVKAACWWAGI	850
851	KQEFGIPYNPQSQGVIESMNKELKKIIGQVRDQAELKTA <span style="color: red;">VQMAVF</span> IHNF	900

**RT CTL-EPITOPES continued**

901	KRKGGIGGYSAGERIIDIIATDIQTQQLQKQITKIQNFRVYYRDSRDPLW	950
	HLAA <sub>2</sub> 12	
951	KGP <del>A</del> AKLLWKGEGAVVIQDNSDIKVVP <del>R</del> RKAKIIRDY <del>G</del> KQMAGDDCVASRQ	1000
1001	DED	1003

## Epitopes and protein variability:

This plot shows a score that is a measure of variability for each position in the RT protein alignment, and the relative positions of regions with defined CTL epitopes as seen on the CTL epitope map. The solid lines are positions where the most common character in a gp41 protein alignment is an amino acid; the dashed lines represent regions where the most common character is an insertion (dash) incorporated to maintain the alignments. The alignment used corresponds to the 1995 gp41 protein alignment, publically available at the Human Retroviruses and AIDS database, totaling 21 sequences. See the "how to use the CTL section" information for more details on the variability measure. The higher scores indicate more variation; 0 is perfectly conserved. The different protein alignments (gp120, gp41, p24, p15, p17, Nef and RT) used to create these plots contain different sets of sequences; therefore each plot is internally consistent, but cannot be compared to other protein plots.

Most common amino acid in each position in the RT protein is shown below. The numbering corresponds to the numbering in the variability plot for the RT protein.

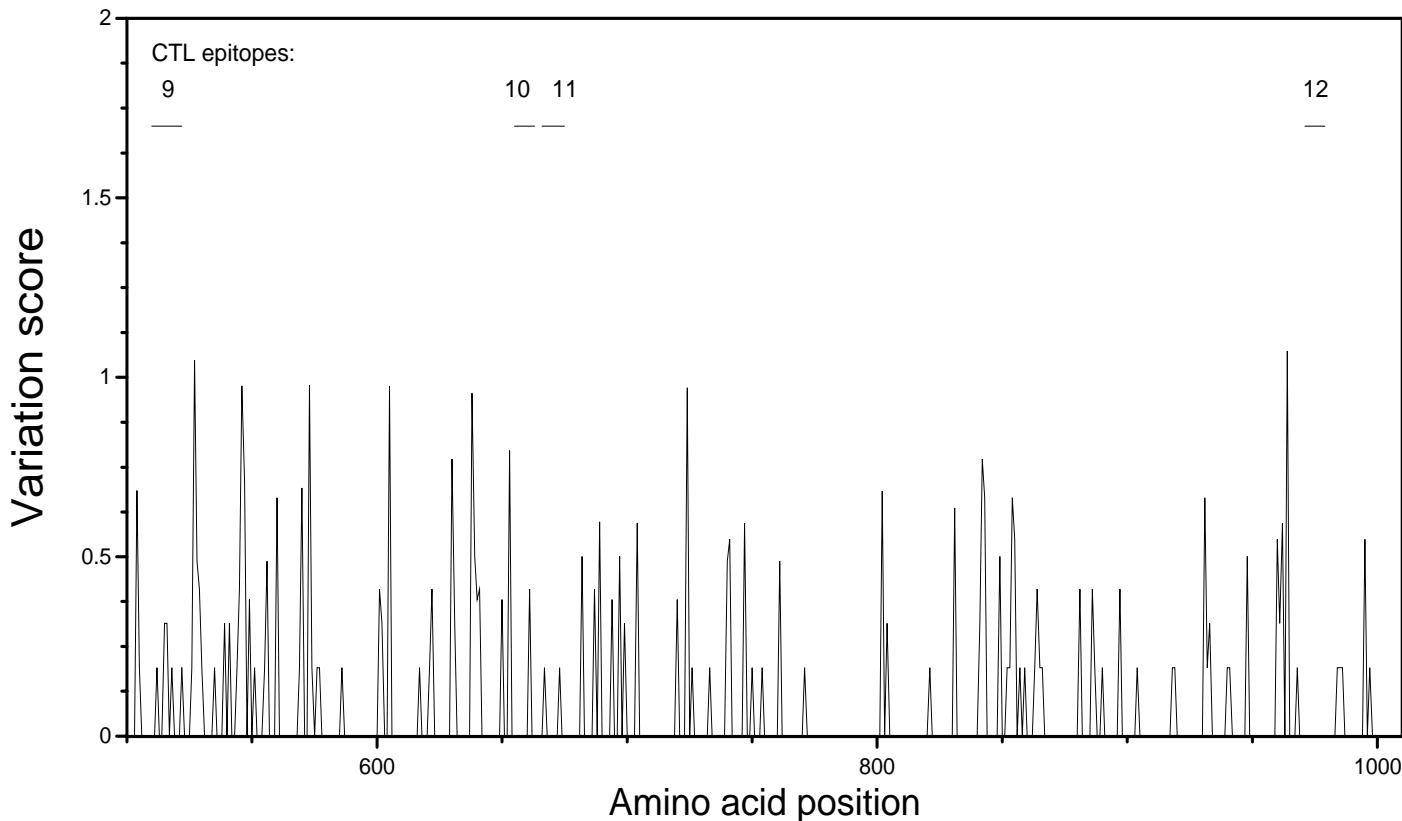
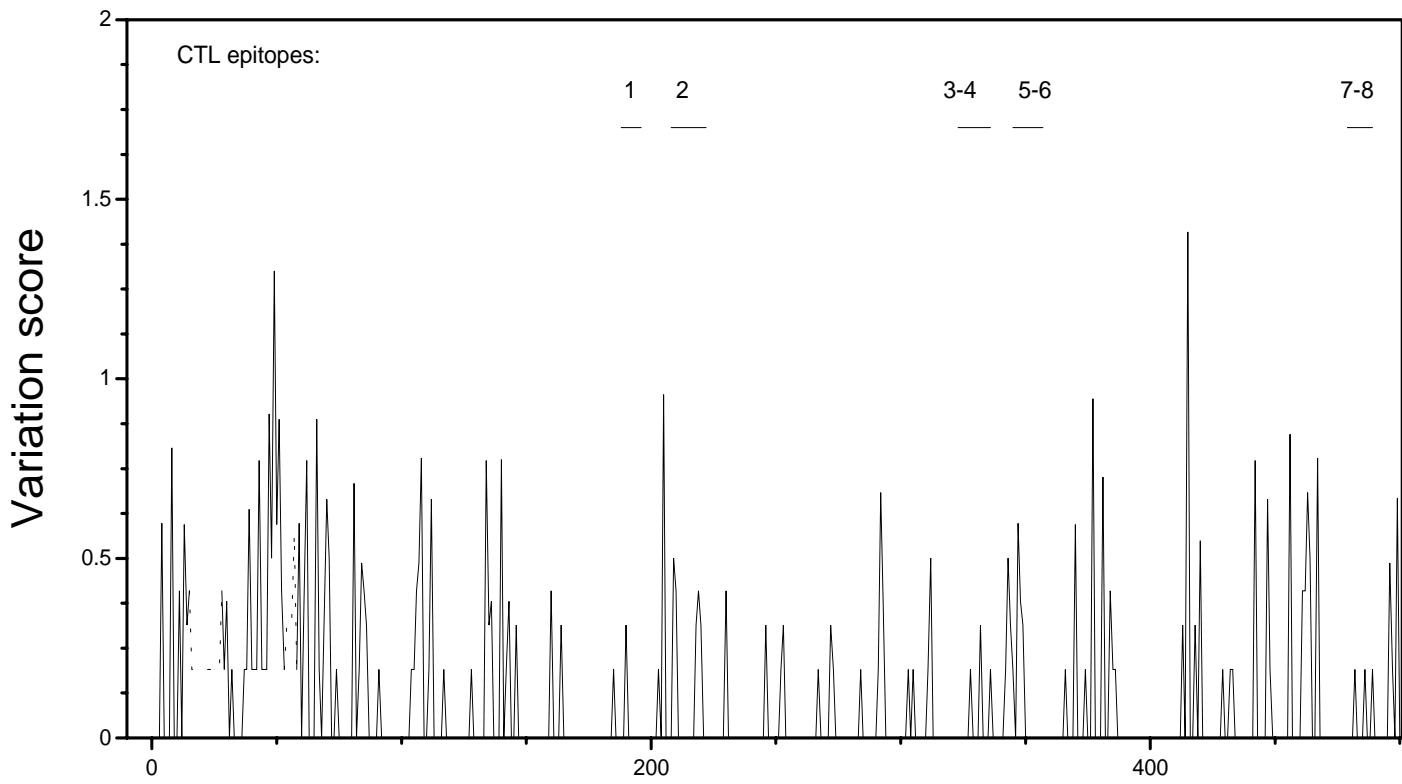
## RT CONSENSUS:

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FFREDLAFPQGKAREF-----SSEQTRANSPTRRELQVWGRDN 50
NSLS----EAGADRQGTVSFSFPQITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGA 100
DDTVLEEMNLPGRWKPKMIGGIGGFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVG 150
PTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNFPISPIETVPVKLKPGMDGPVKQWPLTEE 200
KIKALVEICTEMEKEGKISKIGPENPYNTPVFAIKKKDSTKWRKLVDRE 250
LNKRTQDFWEVQLGIPHPAGLKKKSVTLDVGDAYFSVPLDKDFRKYTA 300
FTIPSINNETPGIRYQYNVLPGWKGSPAIFQSSMTKILEPFRKQNPDIV 350
IYQYMDDLYVGSDLEIGQHRTKIEELRQHLLRGFTTPDKKHQKEPPFLW 400
MGYELHPDKWTVQPIVLPEKDSWTVNDIQKLVGKLNWASQIYAGIKVKQL 450
CKLLRGTKALTEVIPLTEEAELAENREILKEPVHGYYYDPSKDLIAEI 500
QKQGQQWTYQIYQEFPKNLKTGKYARMRGAHTNDVKQLTEAVQKIATES 550
IVIWGKTPFKLPIQKETWEAWWTEYWQATWIPEWEFVNTPPLVKLWYQL 600
EKEPIVGAETFYVDGAANRETKLGKAGYVTDRGRQKVSLTDTNQKTEL 650
QAIHLALQDSGLEVNIVTDSQYALGIIQAQPDKSESELVSQIIEQLIKKE 700
KVYLAWVPAHKGIGGNEQVDKLVSAGIRKVLFLDGIDKAQEEHEKYHSNW 750
RAMASDFNLPPVVAKEIVASCDKCQLKGEAMHGQVDCSPGIWQLDCTHLE 800
GKVILVAVHVASYIEAEVIPAETGQETAYFLLKLAGRWPVKTIHTDNGS 850
NFTSTTVKAACWWAGIKQEFGIPIYNPQSQGVVESMNKELKKIIGQVRDQA 900
EHLKTAVQMAVFIHNFKRKGGIGGYSAGERIVDIIATDIQTKELQKQITK 950
IQNFRVYYRDSRDPLWKGPALKLWKGEGAVVIQDNSDIKVVPRRKAKIIR 1000
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## HIV CTL Epitopes

### Variation in positions in the RT protein



**Pol CTL epitope 1****HLA-B8**

**CONSENSUS-B** GPKVKQWPL  
Epitope1 -----

**CONSENSUS.A** -----  
HIVU455 -----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----  
HIVLAI -----  
HIVHXB2R -----  
HIVMN -----  
HIVJRCSF -----  
HIVJRFL -----  
HIVOYI -----  
HIVSF2 -----  
HIVNY5CG -----  
HIVNL43 -----  
HIVCAM1 -----  
HIVHAN -----  
HIVD31 -----  
HIVRF -----  
HIVYU2 -----  
HIVBCSG3C -----

**CONSENSUS.D** -----  
HIVELI -----  
HIVZ2Z6 -----  
HIVNDK -----

**CONSENSUS-O** -----  
HIVMAL --R-----  
HIVANT70 -----  
HIVMVP5180 -----

SIVCPZGAB -----  
SIVCPZANT --R-----

**Pol CTL epitope 2****HLA-broad, murine H2K**

**CONSENSUS-B** CTEMEKEGKISKIGP  
Epitope2 -----

**CONSENSUS.A** -N-----  
HIVU455 -N-----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----  
HIVLAI -----  
HIVHXB2R -----  
HIVMN -----  
HIVJRCSF -----  
HIVJRFL -----  
HIVOYI -----V--  
HIVSF2 -----  
HIVNY5CG -----  
HIVNL43 -----  
HIVCAM1 -----  
HIVHAN -----  
HIVD31 -----  
HIVRF -----  
HIVYU2 -----  
HIVBCSG3C -----

**CONSENSUS.D** -----R---  
HIVELI --D-----R---  
HIVZ2Z6 -----RV--  
HIVNDK -----R---

**CONSENSUS-O** -q---q----r---  
HIVMAL -KD-----L---  
HIVANT70 -Q---Q----R---  
HIVMVP5180 -Q---Q----R---

SIVCPZGAB -Q-----  
SIVCPZANT -DKL-A-N---R---

## HIV CTL Epitopes

### Pol CTL epitope 3

#### HLA-B7

**CONSENSUS-B** WKGSPAIFQSSMT  
Epitope3 -----

**CONSENSUS.A** -----S-----  
HIVU455 -----S-----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----  
HIVLAI -----  
HIVHXB2R -----  
HIVMN -----  
HIVJRCSF -----  
HIVJRFL -----  
HIVOYI -----  
HIVSF2 -----  
HIVNY5CG -----C---  
HIVNL43 -----C---  
HIVCAM1 -----  
HIVHAN -----  
HIVD31 -----  
HIVRF -----  
HIVYU2 -----  
HIVBCSG3C -----

**CONSENSUS.D** -----  
HIVELI -----  
HIVZ2Z6 -----  
HIVNDK -----

**CONSENSUS-O** -----  
HIVMAL -----  
HIVANT70 -----  
HIVMVP5180 -----

SIVCPZGAB -----S-----  
SIVCPZANT -----A---

### Pol CTL epitope 4

#### HLA-A11, HLA-A3.1, HLA-A33

**CONSENSUS-B** AIFQSSMTK  
Epitope4 -----

**CONSENSUS.A** S-----  
HIVU455 S-----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----  
HIVLAI -----  
HIVHXB2R -----  
HIVMN -----  
HIVJRCSF -----  
HIVJRFL -----  
HIVOYI -----  
HIVSF2 -----  
HIVNY5CG -----C---  
HIVNL43 -----C---  
HIVCAM1 -----  
HIVHAN -----  
HIVD31 -----  
HIVRF -----  
HIVYU2 -----T  
HIVBCSG3C -----

**CONSENSUS.D** -----  
HIVELI -----  
HIVZ2Z6 -----  
HIVNDK -----

**CONSENSUS-O** -----  
HIVMAL -----  
HIVANT70 -----  
HIVMVP5180 -----

SIVCPZGAB S-----  
SIVCPZANT ---A---

**Pol CTL epitope 5****HLA-B35****CONSENSUS-B** NPDIVIYQYEpitope5 -----  
Alt form H-----**CONSENSUS.A** H-----

HIVU455 H-----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----HIVLAI -----  
HIVHXB2R -----  
HIVMN -----  
HIVJRCSF ---I---  
HIVJRFL ---I---  
HIVOYI -----  
HIVSF2 -----  
HIVNY5CG -----  
HIVNL43 -----  
HIVCAM1 -----  
HIVHAN -----  
HIVD31 -----  
HIVRF --E-----  
HIVYU2 ---L----  
HIVBCSG3C -----**CONSENSUS.D** --E-----HIVELI --EM-----  
HIVZ2Z6 --E-----  
HIVNDK --E-----**CONSENSUS-O** --E?e---HIVMAL --E-----  
HIVANT70 --ELE-C--  
HIVMVP5180 --EVE---SIVCPZGAB ---T---  
SIVCPZANT Y-AVE---**Pol CTL epitope 6****HLA-A2****CONSENSUS-B** VIYQYMDDL

Epitope6 -----

**CONSENSUS.A** -----

HIVU455 -----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----HIVLAI -----  
HIVHXB2R -----  
HIVMN -----  
HIVJRCSF I-----  
HIVJRFL I-----  
HIVOYI -----  
HIVSF2 -----  
HIVNY5CG -----  
HIVNL43 -----  
HIVCAM1 -----  
HIVHAN -----  
HIVD31 -----  
HIVRF -----  
HIVYU2 -----  
HIVBCSG3C -----**CONSENSUS.D** -----HIVELI -----  
HIVZ2Z6 -----  
HIVNDK -----**CONSENSUS-O** e-----HIVMAL -----  
HIVANT70 E-C-----  
HIVMVP5180 E---I---SIVCPZGAB T-----  
SIVCPZANT E-----

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### Pol CTL epitope 7

#### HLA-A2

**CONSENSUS-B** ILKEPVHGV

Epitope7 -----

**CONSENSUS.A** ---D----

HIVU455 ---D----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----

HIVLAI -----

HIVHXB2R -----

HIVMN -----

HIVJRCSF -----

HIVJRFL -----

HIVOYI -----

HIVSF2 -----E-

HIVNY5CG -----

HIVNL43 -----

HIVCAM1 -----

HIVHAN -----

HIVD31 -----

HIVRF -----

HIVYU2 -----

HIVBCSG3C -----

**CONSENSUS.D** -----

HIVELI -----

HIVZ2Z6 -----

HIVNDK -----

**CONSENSUS-O** ?-----

HIVMAL -----

HIVANT70 R--Q----

HIVMVP5180 K-----

SIVCPZGAB -VST----

### Pol CTL epitope 8

#### HLA-Bw62

**CONSENSUS-B** ILKEPVHGKY

Epitope8 -----

**CONSENSUS.A** ---D----

HIVU455 ---D----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----

HIVLAI -----

HIVHXB2R -----

HIVMN -----

HIVJRCSF -----

HIVJRFL -----

HIVOYI -----

HIVSF2 -----E--

HIVNY5CG -----

HIVNL43 -----

HIVCAM1 -----

HIVHAN -----

HIVD31 -----

HIVRF -----

HIVYU2 -----

HIVBCSG3C -----

**CONSENSUS.D** -----

HIVELI -----

HIVZ2Z6 -----

HIVNDK -----

**CONSENSUS-O** ?-----

HIVMAL -----

HIVANT70 R--Q----

HIVMVP5180 K-----

SIVCPZGAB -VST----

**Pol CTL epitope 9****HLA-A11**

**CONSENSUS-B** QIYQEPFKNLKTG  
**Epitope9** -----

**CONSENSUS.A** -----  
**HIVU455** -----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----  
**HIVLAI** -----  
**HIVHXB2R** -----  
**HIVMN** -----  
**HIVJRCSF** --F-----  
**HIVJRFL** -----I---  
**HIVOYI** -----  
**HIVSF2** -----  
**HIVNY5CG** -----  
**HIVNL43** -----  
**HIVCAM1** -----  
**HIVHAN** -----  
**HIVD31** -----  
**HIVRF** -----  
**HIVYU2** -----  
**HIVBCSG3C** -----A

**CONSENSUS.D** -----  
**HIVELI** -----  
**HIVZ2Z6** -----  
**HIVNDK** -----

**CONSENSUS-O** -----eh----  
**HIVMAL** -----QY----  
**HIVANT70** -----EH----  
**HIVMVP5180** -V--DEH----

**SIVCPZGAB** --F---H-----  
**SIVCPZANT** ----NEG-L--A-

**Pol CTL epitope 10****HLA-A2**

**CONSENSUS-B** ALQDSDLLEV  
**Epitope10** -----

**CONSENSUS.A** -----S--  
**HIVU455** -----S--

**CONSENSUS-B** -----  
**HIVLAI** -----  
**HIVHXB2R** -----  
**HIVMN** -----  
**HIVJRCSF** -----  
**HIVJRFL** -----  
**HIVOYI** -----  
**HIVSF2** -----  
**HIVNY5CG** -----  
**HIVNL43** -----  
**HIVCAM1** -----  
**HIVHAN** -----  
**HIVD31** -----  
**HIVRF** -----  
**HIVYU2** -----  
**HIVBCSG3C** -----

**CONSENSUS.D** -----  
**HIVELI** -----  
**HIVZ2Z6** -----  
**HIVNDK** -----

**CONSENSUS-O** -----ke?-  
**HIVMAL** -----S--  
**HIVANT70** -----KET-  
**HIVMVP5180** -----KEQ-

**SIVCPZGAB** -----DQQ-  
**SIVCPZANT** ---E--TGP-

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### Pol CTL epitope 11

#### HLA-B14

**CONSENSUS-B** VTDSQYALGI

Epitope11 -----

**CONSENSUS .A** -----

HIVU455 -----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----

HIVLAI -----

HIVHXB2R -----

HIVMN -----

HIVJRCSF -----

HIVJRFL -----

HIVOYI -----

HIVSF2 -----

HIVNY5CG -----

HIVNL43 -----

HIVCAM1 -----

HIVHAN -----

HIVD31 -S-----I--

HIVRF -----

HIVYU2 -----

HIVBCSG3C -----

**CONSENSUS .D** -----

HIVELI -----

HIVZ2Z6 -----

HIVNDK -----

**CONSENSUS-O** -----

HIVMAL -----

HIVANT70 -----V

HIVMVP5180 -----V--

SIVCPZGAB -----V--

SIVCPZANT -----V

### Pol CTL epitope 12

#### HLA-A2

**CONSENSUS-B** LLWKGEHAV

Epitope12 -----

**CONSENSUS .A** -----

HIVU455 -----

**CONSENSUS-B** -----

HIVLAI -----

HIVHXB2R -----

HIVMN -----

HIVJRCSF -----

HIVJRFL -----

HIVOYI -----

HIVSF2 -----

HIVNY5CG -----

HIVNL43 -----

HIVCAM1 -----

HIVHAN -----

HIVD31 -----

HIVRF -----

HIVYU2 -----

HIVBCSG3C -----

**CONSENSUS .D** -----

HIVELI -----

HIVZ2Z6 -----

HIVNDK -----

**CONSENSUS-O** -----

HIVMAL -----

HIVANT70 -----

HIVMVP5180 -----

SIVCPZGAB -----

SIVCPZANT -----